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HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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CURTAILMENT OF EXPENDITURE BY UNIVERSITIES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Universities are forced to curtail the expenditure on higher and technical education due to financial crisis;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the University Grants Commission has formulated any strategy for generation of own resources by universities;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) to (e): Availability of resources for higher education has not been keeping pace with the projected needs/requirements of the universities. During 10th Plan, Department ofSecondary & Higher Education projected a requirement of Rs.31229.92 crores to the Planning Commission against which a sum of only Rs.12750.00 crores has been made available.

In the background of the overall resource crunch, UGC had appointed a high-powered Committee under the Chairmanshipof Justice K. Punnayya to recommend specific measures for mobilization of additional resources by the universities. The report, alongwith the views of UGC thereon, has been sent to the universities for appropriate action.

UGC has also introduced an incentive scheme for giving matching grants to the universities to the extent of 25% of the additional resources raised by them, subject to a ceiling of Rs.25.00 lakhs.